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Amarel Taylor-Scott  
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Dear Amarel Taylor-Scott:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 9, 2019, that we received on April 9, 2019. This request is a duplicate of your prior request dated and received on February 02, 2019, that we responded to on February 14, 2019 and referenced as F18033-0002. Our response here is an update to our February 14, 2019, response.

You asked for "records, memos, correspondence, or documents pertaining to the IRS' program to revoke an individual's passport by means of notifying the Department of State...Please produce all records relating to such certifications such as the number of certifications made, the dates those certifications were made, the guidelines for certifying a debt, information about whether victims of identity theft will have their debts certified, etc. - as well as any correspondence between the IRS and the State Department relating to the process of the program. Please produce not only records but manuals on how this process function and whether or not individuals are notified by the IRS before, notification to the State Department."

In response to your request regarding the number of certifications that the IRS has certified to the State Department for action: The IRS has transmitted 370,463 taxpayer certifications to the Department of State between February 22, 2018 and April 26, 2019.

In response to whether individuals are notified by the IRS before notification to the State Department, the Commissioner contemporaneously notifies an individual of any certification or any reversal of certification with respect to such individual. Such notice includes a description (in simple and nontechnical terms) of the right to bring a civil action. FAST Act, Section 32101.

This is a full grant of your request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, John Carpenter, to discuss your request at:

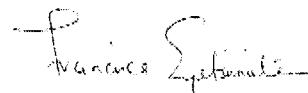
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The FOIA Public Liaison responds to FOIA and Privacy Act requests for copies of documents maintained by the IRS. There is no provision in either Act to resolve tax, collection, or processing issues and our staff is not trained to answer questions regarding those issues. If you need assistance with tax related issues you may call the IRS toll free number at 1-800-829-1040.

If you have any questions please call me, ID # 1000591343, at 617-316-2271, or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Centralized Processing Unit-Stop 211, Post Office Box 621506, Atlanta GA 30362. Please refer to case number F19099-0131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisca N. Eyetsemitan".

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